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SUBJECT: GATT HANDLING OF LOME CONVENTION

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1. WE HAVE INFORMALLY OBTAINED COPIES OF QUESTIONS ON LOME CONVENTION SUBMITTED BY JAPAN AND CANADA. COPIES BEING POUCHED EB/OT (SCHMIDT) AND USEC BRUSSELS. RESPONSES TO ALL QUESTIONS STILL AWAIT COORDINATION BY LOME LDCS, SO WP SCHEDULING IS STILL NOT FIRM. HOWEVER, JAPANESE AND CANADIAN QUESTIONS SQUARELY OPEN ISSUE OF COMPATIBILITY OF LOME CONVENTION WITH GATT ART XXIV.

2. PROBING BY JAPANESE, CANADIANS, AND WE MUST ASSUME OTHERS, ON ART XXIV ASPECTS WILL PLACE US IN TIGHT SPOT IN WP. SINCE WE HAVE AGREED NOT CHALLENGE LOME ON ART XXIV GROUNDS, OUR SILENCE DURING WHAT NOW APPEARS WILL BE ACTIVE DISCUSSION THAT VERY ARTICLE BY TWO OF OUR PRINCIPAL "ALLIES" IN RELATED GATT SPS OF THE PAST WILL STAND OUT.

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3. TOO, THIS QUESTIONING ON ART XXIV CONSIDERATIONS
COULD FORCE INVOCATION OF THE FRENCH-INSPIRED FOOTNOTE
TO THE INTERNAL EC DECISION (75 USEC BRUSSELS 5192)
STATING THAT IF LEGALITY OF CONVENTION IS CHALLENGED,
EC ITSELF WILL SPECIFICALLY ARGUE LOME AGREEMENT IS
CONSISTENT WITH ART XXIV. DALE

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